

REMARKS

Claims 71-90 and 92-223 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has amended Claims 71, 72, 74-77, 81-84, 87-88, 90, 93-94, 97-99, 101, 103-106, 109, 113-115, 118, 122-123, 127, 130-131, 133-137, 139-140, 142-145, 148, 151-157, 160, 164-166, 168, 170-172, 175-180, 183-184, 187-188, 191-192, 195-197, 199-204, 207-208, 211, 213-216, and 219-223. Hence, Claims 71-90 and 92-223 are now pending in the application and presented for examination herein.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments made herein place the application in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Applicant files herewith an RCE for continued prosecution of the instant application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph

Per Page 2 (Pars. 1 and 2) of the Office Action, Claim 123 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, due to a lack of antecedent basis. By this paper, Claim 123 has been amended to correct this lack of antecedent basis, thereby overcoming this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Per Page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 71-90, 92-122 and 124-223 stand allowed.

Also per the Office Action, Claim 123 would be allowable if amended to overcome the Section 112 rejections discussed above.

Hence, Applicant submits that Claims 71-90 and 92-223 as presented herein are now allowable.

Other Amendments

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207-208, 211, 213-216, and 219-223 to correct minor grammatical/editorial errors and various antecedent basis defects as noted by Applicant during its detailed review of the claims, and to improve the form and clarity of the claims.

Applicant has also herein (i) amended the "Summary of the Invention" section of the specification to make the Summary section consistent with the allowed subject matter; (ii) amended the Abstract of the Invention in order to reduce the abstract below the 150-word maximum, and improve its relevance, form and clarity; and (iii) amended the Title to more accurately reflect the claimed subject matter.

Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by way of any of these amendments.

Other Remarks

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope, including those cancelled without prejudice herein, in a continuation or divisional application.

Furthermore, any remarks made with respect to any individual claim(s) should be considered to be limited to only such claim(s).

If the Examiner has any other questions or comments, which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

Respectfully submitted,

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